

Presently, Lisa works for New York State Senator John Sampson, and serves as his district director. Formerly, she was employed in my office and that of former Congressman Stephen Solarz.

Lisa distinguished herself as a student at Queens College where she received a bachelor of arts degree in English. A life-long resident of Carnarsie, she has been dedicated to public and community service.

As a devoted mother, wife, and daughter, I am happy to acknowledge Lisa Falcone for her tireless efforts as a public servant.

HONORING DANNY WUERFFEL

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a young man from my district who has achieved a level of moral, physical, and scholastic excellence that is an inspiration to young men and women across this great Nation. This young man has distinguished himself as a community leader, a team player, and a model of humility in the spotlight of success. The young man that I speak of today is Okaloosa County's own Danny Wuerffel.

I could praise Danny for distinguishing himself as one of this Nation's most renowned college scholar athletes. I could mention that Danny set 32 individual school records, 12 southeastern conference records, and four NCAA records. How Danny led the Florida Gators to four straight league championships and the university's first national championship in school history. And as a footnote, I could also add that Danny was awarded something they call the Heisman Trophy in 1996.

But in my opinion Mr. Speaker, mere athletic achievements do not rise to the level of significance to be mentioned on this House floor. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not because of what Danny Wuerffel did for 60 minutes a week during the fall of 1996, but instead for what he has done his entire life while few were watching. My close friend J.C. Watts says, "Character is what you do when no one is watching." By that standard, Danny Wuerffel has the character of a champion.

He maintained a 3.75 cumulative grade point average throughout his college career and was named the GTE Academic All-American of the Year for 2 consecutive years. As a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he became a spiritual leader for his teammates and the community, and witnessed to the world through his words and actions.

Perhaps the greatest lesson that we can all learn from Mr. Wuerffel is how to accept success and failure with humility and grace. The example of true sportsmanship that is epitomized by Mr. Wuerffel has become a rarity in athletics today. Today, as a father of two young boys who place sports stars on a pedestal, I have grown increasingly distressed by athletes' drug convictions, sexual assaults, and arrogant attitudes. In the midst of a cultural crisis, Danny Wuerffel stood out like a city shining brightly on a hill for all the world to see. As a father, I am proud to have my two young boys look up to Danny Wuerffel as a role model.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Danny Wuerffel today. Okaloosa County, the University of Florida, and the entire Nation should follow Danny's example as a young man who has exemplified the American ideals, morals, and accomplishments, envisioned by our founding fathers. Again, this father says, "Thank you, Danny, for a job well done."

HONORING EDDIE T. PEARSON FOR 33 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO DATE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Dade County public schools have declared February 27, 1997 as Eddie T. Pearson Day in honor of his accomplishments as one of Dade County's most outstanding educators and administrators.

It is my great pleasure to join Mr. Pearson's family, friends, coworkers, and students in recognizing his 33 years of outstanding and continuous service to our community. We congratulate Mr. Pearson for his contributions as an educator, a role model, and a mentor who helped shape the lives of thousands of children in our Dade County community.

Mr. Pearson earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Tuskegee Institute, a Master of Education from Florida Atlantic University, and a Specialist in Education degree from the University of Florida. He began his career as a teacher in Dade County at Bethune Elementary School in 1963, and then at Riverside Elementary School. In 1967, he was the Community School Director at Ada Merritt Junior High School where he was responsible for a 400 percent increase in educational programs, and 700 percent increase in other activities for youth and young adults. Mr. Pearson quickly advanced to become the Assistant Principal at Homestead Junior High School, and later became Principal of the school. He was only 26 at the time, the youngest Principal in the Dade County public schools, and he was the first Afro-American Principal of Homestead Junior High School in 1970. In addition, he served as the Principal of South Dade Senior High School and Homestead Senior High School.

Mr. Pearson distinguished himself as an outstanding administrator as Executive Director of the Division of Vocational, Adult, and Community Education with the Dade County public schools. He also served as Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Vocational, Adult, and Community Education; Administrator on Special Assignment and Assistant Superintendent for Area Operations; and Regional Superintendent of the Region VI Operations for 8 years. Furthermore, Mr. Pearson successfully designed and implemented a plan that provided for the integration of the Homestead Middle School student body. Today, Mr. Pearson continues his outstanding service as Deputy Superintendent of School Operations. We are fortunate that Mr. Pearson has devoted his life to ensuring quality education for all our children.

In addition to his many years as an educator, Mr. Pearson has been extremely active in

other areas of our community. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YMCA, and now continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the YMCA, Miami "Mega-City" Special Olympics, Pan AM Horizons Credit Union, and United Way of Dade County. His exceptional, notable service, and commitment to Dade County has included dozens of positions in numerous organizations, earning more awards than I can list here.

Mr. Eddie T. Pearson has proven to be an excellent role model for our children. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my entire community and as a former educator myself, I offer him my deepest thanks for his many years of dedicated service, and our best wishes for his continued success.

HONORING ALICE SACHS HAMBURG

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, on February 22, 1997, Alice Sachs Hamburg received a well-earned recognition for her decades of work on behalf of world peace and disarmament. Long a resident of the ninth California District, Ms. Hamburg has been a tireless advocate on behalf of a cause that I hold close to my heart as well. She has been an important supporter and colleague on these issues, and I am indebted to her leadership, tireless energy, and deep-seated commitment to the issues of peace and disarmament.

Obviously our community shares this view as well, and it is in this spirit that she is being honored by the Jane Addams Peace Association of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom [WILPF].

She has been on the frontlines of progressive activism in the bay area for a half-century. Nurtured by her Lithuanian Jewish immigrant parents on a drought-plagued North Dakota homestead, she came to know the meaning of struggle and the cycles of the land. Her connection with the land ripened during her marriage to the late Sam Hamburg, an innovative California farmer.

In explaining her activism with WILPF against the United States war effort in Vietnam, she said: "It was like breathing or feeding your children. We didn't think there was any alternative." As the mother of three children, Ms. Hamburg's family life and activism, were intertwined.

Inspired to make their lives better by building a better community and bringing reconciliation among nations, she became active in efforts to integrate Berkeley's public schools, participated in demonstrations against atmospheric nuclear weapons tests that poisoned the milk her children would drink, organized public vigils to bring the Vietnam war to an end and to halt the war effort in Nicaragua, and to oppose a rising tide of animosity against programs dedicated to bringing equal opportunity to all of our Nation's people.

Ms. Hamburg has worked for decades with countless local and national coalitions, but her base of operations has long been WILPF, Women for Peace, and the Agape Foundation for Nonviolent Social Change. The key, she